

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014

10:00 a.m.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

arr. Wood

Call to Worship

Lord, because your steadfast love is better than life,  
**my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live;

**I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Psalm 63:4-5

\* Hymn 394 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Lord God,**

**you know the ways of good and evil.**

**You know the things that tempt us**

**and the things that give us life.**

**You know our nakedness, and you know our sin.**

**We confess that we have disobeyed your word,**

**denying your providence and care**

**and relying on our own cleverness.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray:**

**cover us with your grace,**

**feed us with the bread of life,**

**and re-create us in your image;**

**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response (71)

**Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,**

**and God will be my Savior.**

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (OT, p. 2)

Psalter: Psalm 32 (OT, p. 506)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" arr. K. McChesney

Second Lesson: John 2:13-25 (NT, p. 93)

Sermon: "Cleaning House"

Rev. Carter

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

\* Affirmation of Faith

Romans 5:8-11

**God proves his love for us in that, while we still were sinners,**

**Christ died for us.**

**Much more surely then,**

**now that we have been justified by his blood,**

**will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.**

**For if while we were enemies,**

**we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,**

**much more surely, having been reconciled,**

**will we be saved by his life.**

**More than that, we boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

“Nun Bitten Wir”

arr. Buxtehude

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“Voluntary”

Wagner

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Janet Stansbury to the glory of God in honor and memory of the Stansbury family.

**Welcomers** this morning are Heather and Warren Acker.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor

William Carter

Directory of Educational Ministries

Tina Ide

Director of Music

Susan Kelly

Director of Bell Choir

Richard Cochrane

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Laura Schillinger

Ushers

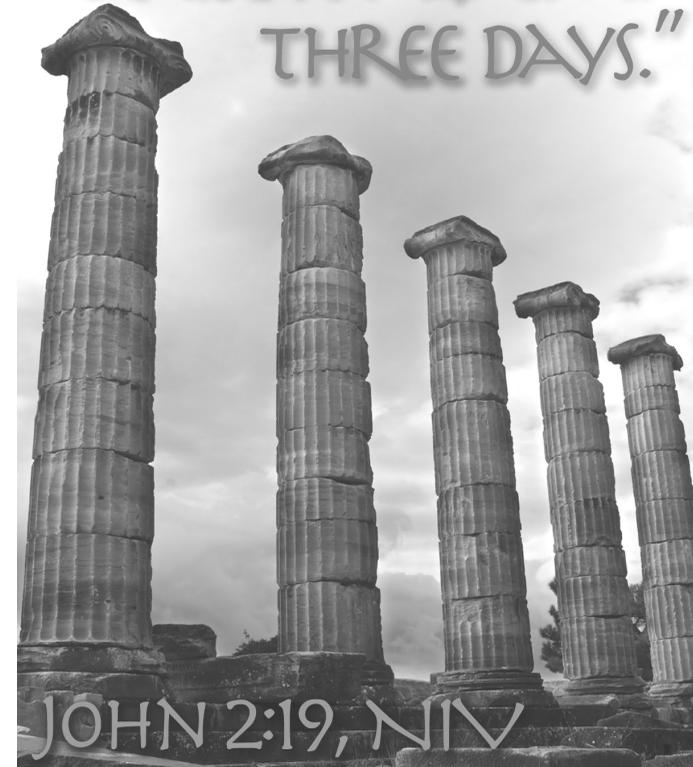
John Conklin, Carole LaCoe,

Shirley McLaughlin, Brian Schillinger



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

“DESTROY THIS  
TEMPLE, AND I WILL  
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### ***Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7***

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### ***Psalms 32***

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

### ***John 2:13-25***

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Today's anthem is an arrangement of an old hymn, written in 1868 by Fanny Crosby (words) and W. Howard Doane (music). It last appeared in the 1955 Presbyterian Hymnal.

*Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.*

**Refrain:**

*In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

*Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star  
Sheds its beams around me.*

**Refrain**

*Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadows o'er me.*

**Refrain**

*Near the cross I'll watch and wait  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
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